

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on April 11, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 602, 4/7/2017

00:00:31 Chairman Blasdel

00:01:04 Sen. McClafferty entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 602

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 602, Promote growth of film and other media in Montana.

[EXHIBIT\(tas76a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas76a02\)](#)

00:02:49 Sen. Webb entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:23 Drew Geiger, Montana Car Rental Association

00:04:47 Allison Whitmer, Montana Film Office, Department of Commerce (COM)

00:06:05 Sen. Cohenour entered the meeting.

00:18:43 Mary Riitano, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas76a03\)](#)

00:21:00 JP Gabriel, Filmlites Montana

00:25:14 Steve Grover, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas76a04\)](#)

00:32:00 Don Andrews, Covellite Studios

00:42:13 Tyler Grutsch, Montana Film Society

00:47:29 Aimee Grmoljes, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

00:49:24 Jessie Luther, Motion Picture Association of America

00:51:03 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:52:09 Tina Buckingham, self

00:54:54 AJ Scaff, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:28 Zach MacQuarrie, Americans for Prosperity of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(tas76a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:01:26 Melissa Baker, Montana State Parks, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(tas76a06\)](#)

01:01:53 Micah Christiansen, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:26 Sen. Tempel
01:03:05 Rep. Smith
01:03:22 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:04:07 Rep. Smith
01:04:37 Mr. Coles, LSD
01:04:50 Chairman Blasdel
01:05:06 Mr. Coles
01:05:31 Sen. Malek
01:06:44 Ms. Whitmer, COM
01:07:10 Sen. Malek
01:07:35 Ms. Whitmer
01:10:54 Sen. Malek
01:11:03 Ms. Whitmer
01:13:33 Sen. Malek
01:13:44 Ms. Whitmer
01:14:31 Sen. Malek
01:14:41 Sen. Hoven
01:14:56 Ms. Whitmer
01:15:17 Sen. Hoven
01:15:39 Ms. Whitmer
01:16:07 Sen. Hoven
01:16:17 Ms. Whitmer
01:16:56 Chairman Blasdel
01:17:39 Ms. Whitmer
01:20:06 Chairman Blasdel
01:20:35 Ms. Whitmer
01:21:36 Sen. Hoven
01:21:57 Ms. Whitmer

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:20 Rep. Smith

01:24:03 Chairman Blasdel
01:24:37 Sen. Barrett
01:24:50 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:25 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas76aad.pdf](#))